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## The President and Ben.

Former Governor Odell continues to titillate a waiting world with the revelations he is going to make about President Roosevelt. Every day he calls the reporters together and pours into their too willing ears dire hints and dark forebodings. We are given to understand that when he does get ready to lift the lid there will be a political convulsion. Worse, perhaps.

The promise the late governor-chairman intimates he has up his sleeve concerns the corporate contributions made to the last Republican campaign fund and the manner of their collection. If the intimation means anything at all it is that these contributions were solicited, directly or indirectly, by the President and made on the consideration of promises by him given. If they mean less than this, so far as they concern Mr. Roosevelt, they mean nothing at all.

It will be remembered that these charges have been made once before and under more impressive circumstances. Their sponsor then was a man of character and reputation, the candidate of a great political party for the highest office in the gift of the people. The charges were made in the midst of the storm and stress of a great political combat. They were answered then—and the answer will stand. This statement, which has never been challenged, came from the White House:

The gravamen of these charges lies in the assertion that the corporations have been blackmailed into contributing, and in the implication, which in one of two of Mr. Parker's speeches has taken the form practically of an assertion, that they have been promised certain immunities or favors in return for their contributions. That contribution has been made to the Republican committee as contributions have been made to the Democratic committee, is not the question at issue. Mr. Parker's assertion is in effect that such contributions have been made for improper motives, either in consequence of threats or in consequence of improper promises, direct or indirect, on the part of the recipients. Mr. Parker knows best whether this is true of the contributions to his campaign fund which have come through his trusted friends and advisers who represent the great corporate interests that stand behind him.

But there is not one particle of truth in the statement as regards anything that has gone on in the management of the Republican campaign.

The American people believe that statement and Judge Parker offered no proof in contradiction. The mouthings of a disappointed politician will not avail to shake public confidence. Just as the President's whole life has been a testimony to his truth and honor, so the life of Mr. Odell testifies the other thing.

It is unlikely the President requires reassurance that this is the public feeling and sentiment and confidence. It is not probable he will see fit to answer the vaporings of the politically aggrieved. It is hoped he will not, for the spectacle of Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Odell in serious controversy would be one to make the President's enemies chortle in their glee.

## Is the Revolution Jewish?

Wild reports have come from Russia like dust in a windstorm. Regiments have disappeared in swollen streams, private soldiers have massacred their officers, rebels have seized towns and have both been driven from them and remained in possession, organized robbers have terrorized all organized force of the law, and the same army has been at once the mainstay of the rebels and the backbone of the government. Many of these stories may be true; all of them cannot be.

One of the most interesting reports in this yield is that brought by a Russian recently arrived in New York from the scenes of violence. He says, as the Novoe Vremya has said previously, that the unknown leaders of the present revolution are Hebrews. The men of that race, their property seized without shadow of right, their families outraged, their every sensibility—personal, affectionate, religious—wantonly disregarded, might well be the leaders in such an uprising.

Against lesser oppressions the Jews have more than once before arisen to smite their rulers. Judas Maccabaeus, for example, made an army out of material as unwieldy as that which has awaited leadership in Russia. Idumeans, Ammonites, Syrians, alike went down before his little army, weak in number, but mighty in a good cause and fired with indignation. And they set up good government in lieu of that which they tore down. They made Jerusalem a godly city. They re-established in the temple the worship of one god. At the last, when they went down before a superior force, they

went down fighting, defeated and slain, but not dishonored. No American can tell now whether a later Judas Maccabaeus has arisen in Russia or not. But some spirit as mighty as his against the established government has surely arisen, and there would be an Old Testament retributive justice in the savagery of the rebels if later it should develop that their leader was a Jew and his army chiefly Jewish.

## The Expansion of Bryan.

We are permitted to learn that the Hon. William Jennings Bryan has been entertained at Malolos, Philippine Islands, where he was tendered a banquet and delighted with much native oratory.

It is scarce necessary to say Mr. Bryan also spoke, and, certainly and in all seriousness, it is not necessary to say he charmed his hearers. No one who ever sat beneath the spell of the man's wonderful and magnetic personality can feel any hesitancy on that particular phase of the subject. The voracious chronicler whom we have especially in mind announces that Mr. Bryan "was applauded, despite the fact that there was some disappointment in his audience that he had not attacked the Administration."

The late candidate of the Democracy is becoming wise in his generation. A few years ago he would have attacked the Administration as certainly as the sun shines. There would have been a waving of freedom's starry banner in the Philippines that would have been delightful and the eagle would have screeched his approval from his mountain aerle. Tyrants everywhere would have trembled.

But Mr. Bryan waxes wary—he acquires the saving grace of discretion, with more years and less flowing locks. Gradually, but very surely, he assimilates the fact that there is a time for golden silence, just as there are occasional moments designed for silver speech. He learns that to make an impression a man must have something to say and that when he has said it he must be prepared to prove its every word.

The guileless inhabitants of Malolos may have been disappointed that Mr. Bryan failed to attack the Administration, just as his enemies in this country will be displeased and chagrined when they hear of it. Others will be delighted. They will take it as proof of a conviction they have long entertained—that one of the most remarkable specimens of expansion on record is the Hon. William Jennings Bryan himself. And he is expanding on the right lines.

Senator Dick says the President is not trying to get hold of the party machinery in Ohio. And it's a safe bet that if anything is happening to the machinery, the Senator will know it.

Seems hardly to be expected that a big steel man should be content with one wife.

We now hear that Father Gapon has been playing the tables at Monte Carlo. Must have excitement, probably, in place of the daily riot.

A new charge of "Fake" has been sounded in the museum of the University of Pennsylvania. This is to induce the manufacturers of real antiques to increase their orders.

When uncle Russell Sage heard that money was bringing 100 per cent in Wall street the best efforts of two large trained nurses failed to keep him away.

Mrs. Fitzsimmons seems to have concluded that to be the wife of an ex-champion is enough to make a perfect lady mad.

Still disagreeing about the ditch.

Public interest in New York society circles has shifted from the "little black man" to the "little red book." Colonel Mann keeps it.

They say its springtime in Jersey. The mosquitoes are there, then.

Mr. Odell calls the President Esau and the Governor Jacob. Apparently he himself wants to be Rebecca at the well.

Lou Payn is greatly distressed at the thought there could have been any thing crooked in insurance while he was commissioner. Maybe he has a right to be distressed.

Call money seems to be going up. In our experience there's nothing unusual in that. The louder we call the higher it goes.

About this time look out for another Shaw clerk to make the Government clerk a millionaire.

A board of education that has been organized thirty-six years held its last meeting in Philadelphia yesterday. We have a board that has been in existence only about thirty-six months, but it has raised enough disturbance to take rank with this dying board in Philadelphia or any other board in the country.

## IT IS CHRISTMAS WEEK YET.

Remember, we grow younger as the years begin to frost us. On our tops of course provided they are not the hair of a young man. If we only keep our hearts young in the world where fate has tossed us. For love rolls back the years and makes us old that we were tossed. The only true philosophy consisteth of the attitude of facing fortune with a smile even though you get the bit.

Like the woman in the gutter who still had cause for gratitude. And thanked the Lord she had two teeth and they were opposite!

'Tis ill to gain through others' pain and spend the years atoning; The bloom of love is fairer than the skull of hate beneath; Oh, listen! Through your laughter, I hear! And let us thankful be for oppositeous teeth!

—Selrah in the New York Sun.

# IN THE CIRCLE OF SOCIETY

## MISS ROOSEVELT GUEST OF HONOR

Was Entertained at Dinner by Alibi Club.

## MR. AND MRS. STORY HOSTS

Sir Percy Sanderson, British Consul General at New York, Returns to Post.

Miss Alice Roosevelt was the guest of honor at a dinner last night at the Alibi Club when Mr. and Mrs. Jack Story were hosts. Invited to the party were Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Keep, Mr. and Mrs. Philip McMillan, Mr. and Mrs. Norman, Mr. and Mrs. George Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Legare, Captain and Mrs. Henry, Miss Boardman, Miss McMillan, Miss Wetmore, Miss Vander, William Hitt, George Hellen, Frank Mitchell, Mr. Hall and Rubide von Zichy.

Sir Percy Sanderson, British consul general at New York, and Miss Sanderson, who have been the guests of Sir Henry Mortimer Durand at the British embassy for the past week, left the city yesterday and returned to New York.

Riccardo Borghetti, formerly attache of the Italian embassy here, has just been appointed secretary at the Italian legation at Athens.

The military and naval attache of the Brazilian embassy, Lieutenant Colonel Pedernais, and Mme. Pedernais entertained a dinner party at the Connecticut last night, having as guests Captain and Mrs. Ryan, of the British embassy, the counselor of the Brazilian embassy and Mme. Chermont, Commander and Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Converse, Miss Martinez, Colonel Raspooff, and Mr. Veloso, of the Brazilian embassy.

Mrs. Pitts Duffield is the guest of her parents, Justice and Mrs. McKenna, in Rhode Island avenue.

Mrs. Henry D. Brown, wife of Associate Justice Brown, was hostess at a delightfully appointed tea yesterday afternoon, when the polite world in considerable numbers gathered to the home of Mrs. Brown in receiving and in the tea room were Mrs. Pitts Duffield, Mrs. John Cropper, Mrs. P. M. Rixey, Miss Harlan, Miss Wilson, and Miss Fitch.

Colonel and Mrs. Brownwell gave a theater party last night at the Belasco, having as guests Mr. and Mrs. Lee Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lee, and Mr. and Mrs. Nat Farnham.

Miss Colton, daughter of Col. Francis Colton, has returned to Washington from a Western visit.

Captain and Mrs. Burr gave a dance at the Washington barracks last night for the young friends of their school-boy sons, William Edward and John Burr who are here on their holiday vacation. The military band of the barracks played, and flags and bunting transformed the post hall into an attractive place for dancing.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. McLean are preparing to go South just as soon as their son, Edward McLean, who was operated upon recently, is able to travel.

## CLUBS OF WOMEN FATAL TO HOMES

Assertion by Lady Greville Pretty Positive.

## HOUSES ALSO BREED LUXURY

Famous English Woman Finds Severe Faults With Numerous Organizations Formed by Her Sex.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The remarkable increase of women's clubs is attracting considerable attention from the thinkers of both sexes. Lady Violet Greville says that at the time when men's clubs are going to decay, when magnificent buildings are being for want of subscribers, women's clubs are springing up with mushroom-like velocity and luxuriance in every direction.

Twenty Thousand Belong. Twenty-one years ago there was not a single institution of the kind, whereas now there are thirty, with a total membership of over 20,000.

"What is the effect," Lady Violet continues, "on women's characters of these new institutions?"

## Idle Time Away.

"That they have practically destroyed home life is, I think, pretty certain, for women spend their time in playing bridge, luncheon, reading society papers, and talking to one another in the club rooms. Some women write all their letters there.

## HOUSE OF SPOOKS TO BE SOLD AT AUCTION

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Dec. 29.—The famous Marsh-Huyler mansion, at 10 Benton avenue, this city, where the late Luther R. Marsh, the noted jurist and Spiritualist, spent the last years of his life and where he died, is about to be sold. It was in this mansion that Marsh received what he believed to be revelations from the spirit land.

## MUSEUM MAN DIES FROM HEART DISEASE

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 29.—C. A. Bradenburg, proprietor of the Dime Museum, in this city, died today from heart disease. He was sixty-one years old. He fell and broke his ankle three weeks ago, and since then had frequent fainting spells, each succeeding attack being more serious. Bradenburg conducted museums in New York, Brooklyn, Chicago and Coney Island, and had run a traveling circus.

Mrs. George Fiske Dudley will be at home Mondays in January at her home, 1342 Columbia road.

Mrs. William Madison Mason will be at home on the first two Saturdays in January at the Wyoming.

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Who Is Expected to Come to Washington Soon as the Guest of Miss Katherine Elkins, and for Whom a Number of Dinner Parties and Other Entertainments Are Being Planned.

## HENDERSONSONS HOSTS FOR DINNER PARTY

Former Senator and Wife Entertain Diplomats and Others Prominent in Official and Social Life of Washington at Their Castle Home.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Henderson entertained at dinner last night, Senator and Mrs. Scott, General and Mrs. Draper, Mr. and Mrs. Pinchoff, Baron and Baroness Busche, Commander and V. Countess de Faramond, Mr. and Mrs. Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. Hennen Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. Lathrop Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wadsworth, Mrs. Wadsworth, Mrs. Jackson, Miss Wood, Mrs. Converse, Miss Martinez, Colonel Raspooff, and Mr. Veloso, of the Brazilian embassy.

Mrs. Alfred Clifford Barney followed her dinner party of last evening with a studio performance, the balcony scene from "Romeo and Juliet," with Miss Eva Courtland Palmer and Miss Edith Harlan Child in the respective roles.

Mrs. Fremont, who, with Mrs. Barney, is one of the best entertainers in Washington society, opened the performance at 10 o'clock with a song to an organ accompaniment. Several dinner hosts of the evening took their guests to Mrs. Barney's in time for the entertainment.

Miss Harlan's costume, of white satin and lace, was artistically and appropriately made, while that of Miss Palmer was pictured after the regulation costume worn by Romeo, made of black velvet and slashed with mauve.

Included in the party collected in the studio were Justice and Mrs. Harlan, the Russian Ambassador and Baroness Rosen, Mrs. John Davis, Captain and Mrs. Cowles, Senator and Mrs. Newlands, Counselor of the German Embassy and Baroness Busche; the Danish Minister, Mr. Brun; the Portuguese Minister, Viscount d'Almeida; Mrs. Richard Townsend, General Miles, Major McCawley, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Hagans, Mme. Riano, Mrs. Van Rensselaer Cruger, Mrs. Benedict, Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Simpkins, Miss Wetmore, Miss McMillan, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Keep, Miss Boardman, Mrs. Nicholas Fish and Miss Wallace.

Two pretty debutant dances of last evening were that given by Mrs. Edward John Harvey for her young daughter, and that at the home of Justice Morris in Massachusetts avenue for his young niece, Miss Edgardina Hastings, both entertaining the younger set of girls and boys not yet in society.

Miss Pauline Morton, daughter of the former Secretary of the Navy, and Mrs. Morton, and presented to Washington society last winter, will in the near future make a visit to Miss Katherine Elkins. Colonel and Mrs. Brownwell will give a dinner in honor of Miss Morton January 12.

Miss Kate Brice arrived in Washington today, and during her short visit here will be the guest of Mrs. Benjamin H. Wadsworth and Miss Wadsworth at their K street residence. Mrs. Richard A. Townsend will give a dinner in her honor next Tuesday evening, and Mrs. Wadsworth, her hostess, will entertain an informal dinner party for her Sunday evening.

The dance given last night by Solicitor General and Mrs. Hoy for their daughters, Miss Hoy and Miss Constance Hoy, was one of the prettiest affairs of its kind. The decorations were beautiful. The company represented the younger dancing set of resident and official Washington, as well as the young men home from college and girls from boarding school, the latter being the contemporaries of Miss Constance Hoy, who will make her debut two years later.

This afternoon a tea will be given by Mrs. Dorsey McPherson in honor of her debutante daughter, Miss Grace McPherson, from 2 to 8 o'clock. Those assisting are Mrs. Whiting, Mrs. Butts, Mrs. Ethridge, Mrs. Harrison, Miss Willard, Miss Peterson, Miss Coon, Miss Roncesvalles, Miss Richardson, and Miss Carson.

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# Kaiser Now Reported Cool Toward Buelow

Attitude Said to Have Been Brought About by the Desire for a Change in Policy Manifested Toward France.

PARIS, Dec. 29.—After a careful investigation of the current rumors representing that Germany has come to better sentiments toward this country, an authority announces that it would be premature to speak of a detente.

The German Emperor has expressed himself on two or three recent occasions in terms which tend to show that he contemplates a change of policy. There is, however, no evidence as yet to justify the supposition that the German government itself contemplates any modification of its attitude toward France.

It is possible that the Kaiser and his Government are in complete agreement and are merely employing a stratagem in order to cause confusion and uncertainty. It is said, though, that there are symptoms of coolness on the part of the Emperor toward Prince von Buelow.

This would be the less surprising as German international policy, particularly since the Anglo-French entente was concluded, has completely failed to attain its object. The return to Bismarckian methods, far from having detached France from England, has fortified the rapprochement.

## WILLING VOLUNTEERS LENT HELP TO NEEDY

Did Splendid Work During Year, According to Annual Report Just Issued by the Associated Charities Association of Washington.

Seven hundred and fifty-eight volunteers have assisted the regular paid workers of the Associated Charities, during the year of 1934-5. The joint annual report of the Associated Charities and the Citizens' Relief Association, which has just been published, makes this statement. Three hundred and thirty-five of these volunteers have worked directly with needy and destitute families. Four hundred and twenty-five volunteers have been engaged in constructive and preventive work through the special committees on tuberculosis, housing conditions, playgrounds, and summer outings.

In all, 3,538 families have been canvassed by these volunteer collectors and by the Associated Charities' agents. The impressive total of \$7,235 has been collected in these small sums from poor people.

Though the seventy-six volunteers recorded as "summer outings helpers," a large number of mothers and many puny children were given outings. In addition to the 38 friendly visitors, 70 savings collectors, and 76 summer outings helpers, there were 126 volunteers

who served on the "division conference," or case committees, and 79 workers of the Associated Charities, who gave unpaid assistance in other lines. This makes a total of 449, or, excluding duplicates, that is, persons who served in more than one capacity, 235 distinct individuals at work with neglected families.

In constructive and preventive work, 423 volunteer workers were enlisted. The committee on the prevention of consumption included 107 members, physicians and lecturers engaged in fighting the "white plague," which slew in this city last year 332 people. With the committee on the improvement of housing conditions, seventy-one volunteers were at work. The summer outings committee enlisted 121 helpers additional to the volunteer conductors of outing parties mentioned above. There were 257 who worked on or for the public playgrounds. Altogether these four branches of the service enlisted 573 volunteers or, excluding duplicates, 423 individuals.

The report suggests also that the 434 contributors to the ten funds represented by the Associated Charities, with its auxiliary committees, and the Citizens' Relief Association should be added to the volunteers as forming a part of "the large and growing social movement" which has been organized here.

## COLLEGE TEACHERS AUTO TAGS TRAIN FIND MUCH FAULT AND KIDNAPPER, TOO

Say Harvest of Crime Is Reaped on Gridiron. Locomotive Had Start of Ten Minutes.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 29.—Lying, cheating, gambling, swindling, dissipation—this is the harvest reaped from the college athletic field as it was pictured today by speakers at the meeting of the college section of the Illinois Teachers' Association. In the picture the college man was shown in the several stages of transition.

He was painted as a liar, attempting to defend the athletic reputation of his college by sacrificing his honor in whitewashing the records of dissipation and athletics; he was shown on the side lines in the garb of a common gambler placing bets on the favorite team; he was cast in the role of a swindling speculator in tickets; he was pictured at the end of his four years' college career as a haggard, gaunt man with the look of dissipation in his face, starting into his greater life with a reputation on the gridiron, but with many prostituted ideals as his assets.

This composite was slowly developed by half a dozen speakers, and when the last speaker had put the finishing touches upon the picture a resolution was presented by W. H. Blanchard, president of Wheaton College, calling upon the colleges of the State to abolish football for a year to allow time for careful preparation of new rules.

Such action was regarded as so extreme as to preclude the possibility of its execution. The resolution was put to a vote and was unanimously opposed to athletics as they now exist was adopted.

## KILLS HERSELF BY FIRE IN WORSHIP OF SUN

Fanatic Adorns Herself With Ribbons, Pours on Oil and Applies Match.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Crazed through her belief in worship of the sun, Mrs. Annie Roeg saturated her clothing with kerosene, set fire to it, and burned to death.

She first decorated herself with pink ribbons. These she tied around her head, neck, waist, arms, and ankles. The knots were bowsheaped, with long ends left to float in the breeze.

After thus adorning herself, Mrs. Roeg descended through a trap door to a basement and poured on the oil. She applied a match and became a flaming torch. She clambered out of the basement and ran into her front yard, shrieking and singing a dirge. Around and around she whirled until she fell dying.

Neighbors say they often saw her with uplifted arms, and on bended knees facing the sun. Her last devotion was performed just before she enveloped herself in flames.

BRUTE.

Mrs. Jawback—George, you haven't been to church with me since we were married.

Mr. Jawback—A burnt child dreads the fire.—Cleveland Leader.

GREEN SOD CLUB HOLDS FIRST ELECTION

The Green Sod Club, a newly organized society of the District, met at clubhouse, 1717 Four-and-a-half street last night to perfect its organization. The balloting began early and resulted in the election of Thomas Griffin, as president; John Eklund, as president; Augustus Schmidt, as corresponding secretary, and Will Schmidt, treasurer. Two new members were duly elected to membership during the evening. They were H. F. Schulz and John Wright. The initiation ceremonies were followed by a supper. The club's first informal as will be held at Harvey's tonight.

The Green Sod Club is a philanthropic and a secret order. Its membership is unlimited.

WOMAN'S LEAGUE, N. J. R. TO HOLD MASS MEETING

There will be a mass meeting under the auspices of the Woman's League of the National Junior Republic, at the Columbia Theater, December 31, at 3:30 p. m. There will be appropriate music, addresses by prominent speakers, and a presentation of stereopticon views under the direction of the superintendent of the National Junior Republic.

The President and Cabinet have been invited to attend and Mrs. Fairbanks, president of the Woman's League, will preside. All are cordially invited to attend.